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## FRENCH PREPARING A NEW POSITION



Ever since the great battle of Verdun began the French have been preparing new positions upon which to fall back if they are forced to retire. This photograph shows the work of making ready such a position.

## DUELS IN AIR ARE THRILLING

"Bulletin des Armees" Tells How French Fliers Risk Their Lives.

## HAVE NO RULES TO FOLLOW

Success Is Won by the Fighter's Aerial Virtuosity and the Superiority of the Machine He Flies—Some Flights.

Paris.—The Bulletin des Armees prints an article on aerial duels. As this publication is official, being issued solely to the troops, the details given may be accepted as literally correct and free from the exaggeration often lent to aviation stories.

"In April," the writer begins, "our aviators brought down thirty-one German aeroplanes, while we lost only six. In March the numbers were thirteen lost on our side and thirty-five by the Germans; seven, including three Fokkers, in one day. Our bombing squadrons make attacks on the German rear lines almost daily.

"It is often asked how aeroplane fighting is carried on, whether any special tactics exist for attacking an enemy or for defending oneself against an adversary who suddenly comes in sight. The answer is negative. Aeroplane fighting is improvised to suit the conditions. No defined method is employed, all being left to the pilot's presence of mind, coolness and decision.

"Success is won by the fighter's aerial virtuosity and the superiority of the machine he flies. Individual qualities make the conqueror.

**Drops on His Foe.**  
"A German champion, like Immelman, the 'super-hawk,' over whom German papers wax so enthusiastic, has but one trick up his sleeve. He mounts as high as possible and turns round above his sector. Then when he catches sight of an adversary he lets himself fall upon him in a straight drop, and fires his machine gun as he passes. The fight is then over for him, whatever the result may have been. He makes off to his own lines and begins the same maneuver over again.

## INFANT SLEEPS IN RUNAWAY

Carriage Found Next Morning at Barn of Former Owner With Child Sound Asleep.

Tipton, Ind.—A horse driven by Howard Thomas, who lives near Windfall, ran away near his home Sunday night, with his son only three years old, alone in the rig. Automobiles searched the country until early morning, and finally found the horse in the barnyard of a former owner. The boy was asleep in the bottom of the buggy, unhurt and apparently very little frightened. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, with their three children, were driving home when the horse became frightened. Mr. Thomas jumped from the rig and grasped the bridle, but the horse broke loose. Mrs. Thomas got out with a baby, one year old, and a son six years old. Before she could lift the three-year-old from the buggy the horse got started in the road again.

"Navarre's way of fighting is altogether different. He harries his enemy from every side. He envelops him in unexpected evolutions. To prevent him from attacking, Navarre carries out the most fantastic leaps, swerves, and twistings, and then at the right minute pours in a stream of bullets from his machine gun. He has no special tactics, but a marvelous variety of attacks and feints. He never leaves an enemy until he has brought him down, unless some unforeseen circumstance intervenes.

## FLARE FOR BATTLEFIELD



The ingenious invention of C. A. Barnes is used for lighting up a battlefield. It is intended to be carried by an aviator who may drop it on a field for observation purposes, or it may be dropped on a field where the armies are engaged in battle. As it is dropped from an aeroplane the contrivance is lighted automatically and its light is so brilliant that the movement of the troops may be seen over a considerable distance. To prevent the extinguishing of the light before it is burned out it is protected by 40 rifle barrels that are discharged at timed intervals during the period in which the light is burning.

## HELD BY NEEDLE IN THUMB

Woman Prisoner at Sewing Machine for Half an Hour Before Help Comes.

Baltimore.—With the needle of a sewing machine through her left thumb, Mrs. Mary Lamerkan, fifty, of Valley street, was held a prisoner at her machine for half an hour. She became so faint that she was unable to call for help for several minutes after the accident.

The needle went through the fleshy part of the thumb when Mrs. Lamerkan was seated at the machine sewing. A neighbor, hearing Mrs. Lamerkan's cries, brought Patrolman Keck of the northeastern district to the house.

Mrs. Lamerkan was suffering intense pain, because the needle was bent and could not be removed by an upward motion of the needle socket. Patrolman Keck got a small steel saw and sawed it off. A physician removed the broken needle.

And Navarre is not alone, he has many a competitor in the service.

"The fighting aeroplane in our squadrons is one-seated, while the Germans almost always have two men in theirs.

"In an aeroplane the sense of hearing is useless, the din of the motor deafening both pilot and observer. Birds can detect an aeroplane by its sound from afar and display fear, but the human bird has to depend upon sight, and woe to the man who is taken by surprise!

## Fight at Close Range.

"Aeroplane fighting is at close range, fifteen to twenty-five yards, if one wishes to make sure of hitting the mark with a quick fire. Of course there are exceptions. Navarre at Verdun, when at a height of 14,000 feet, saw a very fast German aeroplane escaping and fired at 200 yards distance, almost in scorn, not expecting to touch his enemy. But down came the German machine.

"Generally, however, Navarre tries to get as close as possible to fight. One day the wind was blowing a tempest from behind and a Fokker was feeling before him. A twenty-five-mile chase took less than ten minutes, Navarre keeping exactly in the wake of his foe, repeating every unforeseen move that he made.

"All the time the fleeing Fokker kept up a rearward fire from its mitrailleuse. Bullets whizzed around Navarre, but none touched him, his motor alone received a scratch or two. Then, when near enough Navarre, who had not fired, opened with his machine gun and when twenty-five bullets had sped the German fell.

"As fighting is carried on so closely it sometimes happens that adversaries get caught together. An enormous three-seated German machine was recently out for its hundredth flight. It came across a French biplane—an observation, not a fighting machine—and determined to demolish it; not a difficult job, as the German machine was heavily armed and more rapid than the French.

"The Germans rained bullets on the biplane, which soon took fire. The two French aviators, recognizing that they must soon fall to inevitable death, threw their machine on the big German machine and there were five victims instead of two."

## Preacher Picks Up Pearls.

Neenah, Wis.—Rev. P. I. Frey of Towanda, Pa., whose wife is conducting revival meetings here, was walking along the shore of Lake Winnebago picking up clam shells when he discovered one with four pearls in it.

## Earthquake Fills a Well.

Star, Idaho.—According to a report here, the recent earth tremors brought 26 feet of water in a well, which had formerly been dry, on the ranch of A. L. Brady, living north of Star on Willow creek. It is said that Mr. Brady had sunk his well to a depth of 53 feet, only to be disappointed in not finding water. Visiting the excavation the next day after the earthquake, he is said to have found 24 feet of water in the well. An additional rise of two feet over the next night brought the water still nearer the surface.

## \$50 for Alcohol Bath.

Everett, Wash.—Dave Rauscher's alcohol bath cost him \$50. Rauscher obtained some alcohol on the representation that he wanted it for mechanical purposes and then proceeded to apply it to his epidermis. The court held that an alcohol rub is not a mechanical operation and fined Rauscher. Tom Little and Jim Smith also obtained alcohol for mechanical purposes and drank it. They will serve five days in jail and pay \$50 each.

## PRAISE FOR YANKEES

Lee Magee Rated Second to Ty Cobb by Manager Stallings.

Would Not Be Surprised to See Rejuvenated New York Team Lead American League—Catchers Are Doubtful Quantity.

In the opinion of that performer of baseball miracles, George T. Stallings, manager of the Braves, Lee Magee, outfielder of the Yanks, is second only to "Ty" Cobb as a ball player. Stallings also declares that it would not cause him the least surprise to see the rejuvenated Yanks lead the American league this year. "Lee Magee is the ace in the Yankee deck," was the way Stallings put it.

"Some people have questioned my sincerity in rating Magee just behind Tyrus Raymond Cobb as a ball player. Yet that is where I place him.

"I would have paid anything within reason to get him for the Braves. If he isn't a sensation in the American league this year I'll be sadly mistaken.

"The Yankees can win this year. It will be a close race, I imagine, in the Johnson circuit. Given fair catching and a few breaks of the game, Donovan will bring home the bacon."

"I honestly believe that your Yankees have a wonderful chance to win the pennant in the American league



Lee Magee.

this season. The only thing that I am doubtful about is the catching department.

"The Yanks have the pitching strength, a clever infield with Baker, Peckinpaugh, Gedeon and Pipp, and a remarkable outfield with Malsel, Magee and Gilhooly.

"Nunemaker I know is not a great catcher. Nor is he even a good one. The youngsters must come through. Donovan must find in Alexander and Walters a backstop above the average."

## ONCE HANK O'DAY WAS RIGHT

Advocated Rule Preventing Catcher From Squatting Between Plate and Base Runner.

Hank O'Day has been in wrong several times in his long career. But once he was right. That was when he advocated, recently, a condition which would prevent the baseball backstop from squatting between the



Umpire Hank O'Day.

runner and the plate, while the ball speeds toward him, making it impossible for the player to reach the coveted scoring pan, writes Ed Wray in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The general public has rather exalted the catcher who pulls such stunts, on the theory that any player showing such devotion to his team that he is willing to incur injury, if he can halt the enemy, deserves a reward.

On the same theory, the boy that

## STICKS BY DAVE ROBERTSON FROM START



Manager John McGraw.

Dave Robertson.

"Demon Dave" Robertson, whose heavy hitting started the Giants climbing out of the cellar, is the sensation of the early baseball season.

And Dave Robertson is the best answer to the arguments of those who think John McGraw is a baseball dodo. "Demon Dave" was under age, studying veterinary surgery and pitching in a Tidewater league club down in Virginia, when McGraw first got a line on him. With his father's permission, Robertson was signed up to a contract giving his services to the Giants. He played a little more in the Tidewater league and then went back to college in North Carolina.

Robertson is a big, powerful fellow and a great all-around athlete. McGraw advised him to cut out football for fear some injury might interfere with his ability. Robertson had been playing baseball under an assumed name. Back in college he couldn't avoid getting into the football lineup again without making some awkward explanations. He played football. As a result, in the last game of the season he had his left shoulder broken.

"And right there," says John McGraw, "I lost the greatest southpaw the game ever knew."

Robertson's shoulder mended, but a pitching arm must be a perfect machine.

robs a bank to help a starving brother ought to be exalted.

In the instance of the backstop no new rule is really necessary, if officials would enforce the existence of regulations against interference. For interfering is precisely what Mr. Dead-Game backstop is doing, when he interposes his body, without the ball in his possession, ready for a bonafide attempt to tag an opponent.

The rules should entitle the runner to a chance to touch the plate or the base; any condition which prevents this is illegal.

## BASEBALL STORIES

Edgar Willett is making good in the Western league.

Elmer Myers is not only a good pitcher but a lucky one.

Naturally all the pitchers look good when Ty Cobb isn't well.

"Hughes" Jennings of the Tigers admits that his team is slowing down.

It's one thing after another for the New York Yankees, yet they keep going.

Lee Magee of the Yankees announces that he is pulling hard for Benny Kauff to make good.

The fan who called him John Tor-toise Meyers hasn't seen him in pursuit of a foul ball this season.

Bill Martin, the Georgetown university star released by Newark, has the odd record of having been released by four clubs this year, and yet he is rated as a high-class ball player.

## RECORD IN WORLD'S SERIES

Ed Reulbach Participated in Classic in 1910—Has Another Chance With Braves in 1916.

If the Braves win out and "Ed" Reulbach gets into the big series, he will have the unusual distinction of participating in two world's series, no less than six years apart—1910 with the Cubs and 1916 with the Braves. This is probably the record—a distance of six years between the big chances for the money. Few pitchers last long enough to come back at six-year intervals for world's series coin, and the record to date is that of the Athletic players, who went five years between world's series—from 1905 to 1910.

## Fred Clarke Coming Back.

Fred Clarke, for so many years manager of the Pirates, will positively be back in the game again next season. Fred is said to have formed an alliance with Ed Gwinn, former owner of the Pittsburgh Reds, and they are trying to buy out Mr. Dreyfuss' interests in the Pittsburgh club.

## Fans are Idolaters.

Some of the baseball fans are such idolaters they would be happy to have measles if they could catch it from Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker.

## Fohl Has Best Outfield.

In Graney, Speaker and Elmer Smith, Manager Fohl says he has the best outfield in the American league.

## Otto Knabe Playing Well.

Otto Knabe is showing some of his old-time speed at second base for the Pirates.

## Stallings Afraid of Cubs.

Manager Stallings says the only team he has to dispose of is Chicago to win the pennant.